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# Where X-Way Situation Stands Today

Now pending before the City Council is a right-of-way agreement which the Tennessee Highway Department seeks for the east-west expressway between McLean and Claybrook.

With Council approval, the entire 10-mile east-west expressway route through the city would be under appraisal, purchase, demolition or construction.

Millions have already been poured into the super highway. Here's the latest progress report:

• From the present terminus of I-40 at White Station road westward to Waring Road, 99 per cent of property needed has been bought, said Virgil Rawlings, THD right-of-way engineer at Memphis. Only one structure remains to be torn down. A total of \$1,991,890 has been spent on property on this stretch by the THD.

• A total of 95 per cent of property needed in the next stretch, from Waring to Holmes, has been bought, at a cost of \$3,943,725. All but 15 of the 375 parcels have had structures demolished, and bids will be taken April 15 on some of those.

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• About seven per cent of property from Holmes to Collins has been bought, at a cost of \$473,777. Much is still under appraisal.

• Next stretch, from Collins to McLean, includes the controversial Overton Park property. A total of 52 per cent of right-of-way in this area has been bought, at a cost of \$1,124,000. This does not include the park property itself, which is still being appraised.

• The stretch from McLean to Claybrook is awaiting the City Council right-of-way agreement. Appraisals will start immediately after it is approved, Rawlings said.

• From Claybrook to Ayres is already under construction at a cost of about \$2.9 million, as part of the huge mid-town interchange. This is where the east-west, north-south and northern perimeter expressways will cross.

• About 90 per cent of property needed between Ayres and the planned approach to the new Mississippi River Bridge at Second Street has been bought.

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